



City of Commerce Transit Maintenance Facility

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties
From: City of Commerce
Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the new City of Commerce Transit Maintenance Facility (TMF) Project

The City of Commerce (City) is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed project identified below. The City has prepared an Initial Study to determine the environmental effects of the proposed project and finds issuance of a Mitigated Negative Declaration is the appropriate level of CEQA environmental review.

AGENCIES: The City requests that your agency review the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15086(a).

ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES: The City requests your comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed project.

Project Title: City of Commerce Municipal Bus Lines Transit Maintenance Facility Project

Project Description: The City of Commerce (City) is processing a request to implement a series of discretionary actions that would ultimately allow for the development of a three-part project that would provide maintenance for the City's fleet including, but not limited to existing passenger vehicles, light trucks, trailers, lawnmowers and transit buses and vans. The first part would be to develop a temporary transit maintenance facility (TMF) site at 5733 Shelia Street, while the permanent TMF site would be constructed. The second part is moving equipment and aboveground storage tanks from the existing TMF at 5555 Jillson Street to the temporary TMF site. The third part would be to develop a permanent TMF station at 5926 Sheila Street, which would involve demolition of the existing Commerce Refuse to Energy Facility (CREF) and to construct a maintenance building approximately 16,500 square feet and an office and warehouse building approximately 20,000 sf. The compressed natural gas/liquefied natural gas (CNG/LNG) station on the east part of the project site would remain. CNG-fueled buses would refuel at the CNG/LNG station.

Project Location: Temporary TMF: 5733 Shelia Street & Permanent TMF: 5926 Sheila Street Commerce, CA 90040

Significant Environmental Effects: The IS/MND concludes that no significant unavoidable environmental effects would occur as a result of the proposed project. Potentially significant impacts related to Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Mandatory Findings of Significance would be mitigated to a less than significant level.

Public Review Period/Responses and Comments: The City is making the IS/MND available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15087. The City will accept responses and comments for 31 days, from and including **May 11, 2021 to June 11, 2021**.

All comments must be submitted in written format; either in a letter or email format. Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your responses or comments to:

City of Commerce, Department of Transportation
Attn: Claude McFerguson, Director of Transportation for the City of Commerce
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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: This IS/MND and associated materials are available for review during regular business hours at the following location: City of Commerce: 5555 Jillson Street, Commerce, California 90040

The document is available online on City of Commerce website at: <https://www.ci.commerce.ca.us/city-hall/transportation>